

lative Powers as you and they shall Judge most necessary and expedient in like manner as hath been practised and done with the usual Reservation to me by my Assent to all such Proceedings of Yours and Theirs as I shall declare from time to time most meet and fitting under my Hand and Seal at Arms.

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3rd In Case of the Death of any of Our Councillors of State you are to inform us of the Vacancy Transmitting the Name of the Person you shall Propose and think most fit to succeed in Our said Council, and you are not to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies until you have received either Our Commission of Appointment or Approbation But if the Council should be reduced below the Number of Six you are then at Liberty to Nominate and appoint any Member or Members so as to keep up the Number of Seven Resident in Our said Province reserving to us a Power to approve or disapprove of such your Nomination and Appointment. In your Choice and Nomination of the Members of Our Council and also of Our Judges Assistant Justices and Sheriffs you are to take care that they be Men of good Life and well affected to Our Church and State as by Law Established and of good Estates and Abilities and not Necessitous Persons or much in Debt. You are neither to Augment or Diminish the Number of Our said Council as it is already establish't, and you are to Signify Our Pleasure to the Members of Our said Council that if any of them shall hereafter absent Themselves from Our said Province and Continue Absent above the space of Twelve Months together without Leave from you first obtained, or shall remain Absent for the space of two Years or the greater part thereof successively without Our Leave given them under Our Seal at Arms, their place or places in Our said Council, shall be immediately thereupon Void, and we will forthwith appoint others in their Stead.

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4th You must strictly Act consonant to the Royal Charter from King Charles the First to Our Illustrious Ancestor Cecilius Baron of Baltimore and you are to Uphold and maintain Our said Charter and all the Royal Prerogatives Rights Powers and Authorities thereby granted and Derived to Us to the Maintenance and support of Our just Rights and the true good Rule of Our Government both in Church and State as by Law Establish't, doing equal and impartial Justice unto all Persons, His most Sacred Majesty's Subjects and Our faithful Tenants committed by Our Powers to Your care.

5th You shall suffer no Law to pass, that introduces the Statutes of England in the Gross.

6th You are to pass no Act of Assembly by which the Provision made for the Clergy in An Act for the Establishment of